

# Four-Step Plan Proposed For 2000 Parking Spaces

A four-step plan for additional parking in downtown Torrance was outlined at last week's breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. The presentation was made by Ralph T. Dorsey, internationally recognized traffic consultant, who has been retained by the city to study the problem. Addressing an audience of more than 60, Dorsey made the following recommendations:

1. Demolish the old city hall on Cravens ave. and convert the area into a parking lot.

2. Purchase the Post ave. property (old Mayfair Creamery property) and combine it with the Bank of America lot for parking.

3. Take action to acquire the property outlined in the Parking Assessment District plan.

4. Increase parking meters on downtown streets from 463 to about 600, and hike the rates on about half of them to five cents for each 30 minutes (average parking time of curb-side shoppers said to be 29 minutes).

more spaces available. EVERYONE BENEFITS. Dorsey stated that provisions for additional parking would benefit everyone: 1) it would make shopping more convenient; 2) it would increase business; 3) by increasing business it would give the city more sales tax money; 4) by giving the city more money, residents and taxpayers could expect better and greater city services and facilities. The most immediate threat to the downtown shopping area is the new shopping center going up at 174th st. and Hawthorne ave., Dorsey explained.

## EDITORIAL

### Mr. Dorsey Has The Answer

Downtown Torrance's No. 1 problem—parking—can now be solved. Credit for the solution must go to Ralph T. Dorsey, internationally renowned traffic expert. Dorsey has come up with a sound analysis of the problem. He has defined the issues clearly. He has proposed practical solutions. And he has expressed his ideas with the refreshing and ringing courage of conviction. His recommendations and accomplishments deserve the highest praise of local residents, businessmen and city officials. Dorsey's pattern for action is bold and forward-looking. Among its outstanding recommendations is the proposal to raze the old city hall for parking purposes. It also calls for the acquisition of property on Post ave. (next to the Bank of America parking lot) for eventual use as a four-deck parking building. Figures indicate that such use of the properties in question would serve the best interest of everyone concerned—Torrance taxpayers, businessmen and the city itself. We strongly urge that Mr. Dorsey's proposals receive the unanimous support of the entire community.

### COORDINATING COUNCIL TO MEET DEC. 6

The Torrance Coordinating council, which brings together representatives from every section of the community to try and solve community problems, will meet December 6 at the Greenwood school, 7:30 p.m. Lieutenant D. C. Cook, and Buck Ingram of the Torrance police department, Warren Hamilton from the high schools, Reverend Hugh Percy, St. Andrews Episcopal church, councilman Nick Benstead, Joe Wilson and Miss Edith Simplaer, YMCA and YWCA, Judge John Shidler and others will participate in a panel discussion on juvenile problems. The public is invited.

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